

REORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Late in October, 1953, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, announced a plan to reorganize the Department. A summary of the changes proposed, follows:

The regulatory work would be separated from the research work and each would be grouped with similar functions in the new Agricultural Research Service "to provide two main activities with clear lines of authority—the research work in one group and the inspection and control work in another."

The administration of the Insecticide Act would be assigned to the Agricultural Research Service and presumably grouped with other regulatory work affecting plant pest control activities.

The forest disease and pest research and control work—including blister rust activities—would be transferred to the Forest Service.

One of the activities apparently included would be the transfer of the research on insects affecting stored products of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

The plan will have far reaching effect upon official entomology and the passing of the "Bureau" will be regretted by all those who have been privileged to work with it.—F. A. S.